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	Migration @ (methodology for tagging under development)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Reduction of Inequalities (methodology for marker and tagging under development)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Covid-19	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
BUDGET INFORMATION				
13. Amounts concerned	Budget line(s) (article, item): 14.020140 Total estimated cost: EUR 4 000 000.00 Total amount of EU budget contribution EUR 4 000 000.00			
MANAGEMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION				
14. Type of financing	Direct management through: - Procurement			
15. Type of measure	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cooperation facility <input type="checkbox"/> Measures in favour of Civil Society			

1.2 Summary of the Action

The proposed action will provide the EU delegation with the necessary tools and instruments to ensure high standard and quality results in the implementation of its cooperation and communication strategies in Nicaragua. Building on lessons learned from previous cooperation facility interventions, which have been instrumental in providing technical support and capacity across the project management cycle, creating spaces for policy dialogue with different stakeholders and promoting EU messages and visibility in the country, the action clearly falls under the MIP priority 'Support Measures'.

The action responds to the need to ensure a rigorous identification, formulation and implementation of actions under the Multiannual Indicative Programme (MIP) 2021-2027, as well as to support implementation of cross cutting priorities and other strategies, such as the Human Rights and Democracy strategy, the Country Level Implementation Plan (CLIP) of the Gender Action Plan (GAP), Youth Action Plan (EU Youth Platform) and, the EU Cultural Diplomacy Strategy for international relations. The Cooperation Facility will also be used to carry out thematic studies and impact assessments, to provide support and create spaces for policy dialogue when appropriate, to provide short-term technical assistance and to support aid efficiency initiatives such as donor coordination. It will also provide a dedicated platform for exchange and information with Nicaraguan youth, connecting with the global youth sounding board.

The action also includes an instrument earmarked to support the review, updating and implementation of the communication and public diplomacy strategy in a highly complex political context. In so doing, the action will contribute to improving public awareness, understanding and perception of the Global Gateway, the EU and its role in the country, particularly in certain priority areas. Strategic communication activities will be earmarked to promote universal values, such as human rights and gender equality, and interests shared by the EU and enhanced visibility and a better understanding of the EU as a relevant global power (and partner). It will also help coordinate effectively with EUMS and, where necessary, with other multilateral and international actors in the achievement of these objectives. In addition, public diplomacy initiatives will aim at reinforcing and developing trusted channels of engagement, fostering networks, and involving key target audiences and partners such as women, youth, alumni of EU programmes, academia, influencers, social media, business, civil society, indigenous and afro descendent people, persons with disabilities and the cultural sector.